

Within the limits presently imposed by the country's economic circumstances, the Government has ensured that the Police have the resources they need to do their job. It also recognises the growing complexity of law enforcement, and the importance of legislation in keeping pace with the needs of the community for protection. Police powers in relation to drugs have been considerably strengthened to meet narcotics trafficking, which is a serious threat.

A Criminal Justice Amendment Bill will enlarge the range of options available in criminal cases, and there is likely to be a measure embodying some of the recommendations of the Royal Commission on the Courts.

The electoral law will be reviewed and any proposed changes will be considered by a Select Committee.

Steady progress towards the establishment of regional government necessitates a significant change in the control of civil defence at local authority level. The Government will introduce a Civil Defence Amendment Bill to facilitate this change.

The Historic Places Act will be revised and consolidated to ensure that adequate protection is available for those places which are an important part of our cultural heritage.

The Government proposes to introduce a Bill revising and updating the Litter Act 1968. This Bill will strengthen anti-litter enforcement by authorising duly appointed litter control officers to issue litter infringement notices.

The Government will continue to give full attention to meeting the special needs of the Maori people in areas of community services, housing, land, and special vocational schemes for young people. The recent broadening of the functions of the Maori Land Advisory Committees will encourage a more active participation of the Maori people on land issues.

The introduction of the theme "Tu Tangata", to encourage the Maori people in the field of education, will benefit the whole community. Pacific Island people will be invited to participate and to develop housing and social welfare support.

A Bill proposing amendments to the Broadcasting Act 1976 will be introduced to give effect to changes in the administrative structure of television planned by the Broadcasting Corporation.

You will also be asked to consider a Bill to amend and consolidate the Civil List Act 1950.

I spoke earlier of the values and traditions which unify us. In an Anzac Day address last month the Chief Justice quoted the following lines from a war diary of a New Zealand soldier written in the trenches